

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 316 Railway Avenue, in Conquest, Saskatchewan.

Present were:

Reeve: Barry Friesen

Councilors for

Div. 1: Lonnie Ingell

Div. 2: Bryce Mauch

Div. 3: Mike Z. Hofer

Div. 4: Bob Silverthorn

Div. 5: Craig Barrington

Div. 6: Bill Thompson

Administrator L. Jean Jones

Reeve Friesen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

168/25

THOMPSON: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

169/25

BARRINGTON: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

170/25

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 17231-17236 were VOID after installation of the Xerox Versalink C7100. Therefore, cheques numbering 17237-17259, direct deposits, and online payments for August and September 2025, all totaling \$1,266,776.16 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

171/25

HOFER: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of August 2025 and Bank Reconciliation at August 31, 2025 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

172/25

MAUCH: That the list of correspondence be acknowledged as attached to and forming a part of these minutes, now be filed.

CARRIED.

Barry Friesen

173/25

WaterWolf Planning District Public Hearing

INGELL: That we move to enter into a Public Hearing at 8:30 a.m. for the WaterWolf Planning District to reconsider adoption of Bylaw No. 05-2021.

CARRIED.

WaterWolf Public Hearing Minutes are attached.

174/25

Bylaw No. 05-2021

THOMPSON: That Bylaw No. 05-2021 be read a second time

CARRIED.

175/25

BARRINGTON: That Bylaw No. 05-2021 be given third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

176/25

SILVERTHORN: That Bylaw No. 05-2021, a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 to adopt the WaterWolf Planning District Official Community Plan, be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED.

177/25

Resume Regular Council Meeting

HOFER: That we move to resume our September 10, 2025 Council Meeting at 8:34 a.m.

CARRIED.

178/25

2022 Bush Hog 4815 Tender

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 accept the tender from Stratton Equipment for the 2022 Bush Hog 4815 in the amount of \$23,000 plus GST and PST.

CARRIED.

179/25

Building and Development Permits for NW 19-28-09 W3

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 has approved the Building Permit Application and Development Permit Application submitted by Eric and Cindy Simonson for a new house on NW 19-28-09 W3. That both applications be forwarded to MuniCode.

CARRIED.

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Building and Development Permits for SE 06-29-10 W3

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 has approved the Building Permit Application and Development Permit Application submitted by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for SE 06-29-10 W3 for electric upgrades. That both applications be forwarded to MuniCode.

CARRIED.

181/25

Bounty Lots Returned to Municipality

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 agree to take back the following lots in Bounty and prepare the necessary transfer documents: Lots 11-13, Block 2, Plan G84, Lots 40-41, Block 3, Plan G84, Lot 1, Block 5, Plan G84. All taxes have been paid to date by Charles and Marjorie Smith.

CARRIED.

182/25

UMAAS/RMAA Fall Workshop in Swift Current

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send the Administrator to the UMAAS/RMAA Fall Workshop in Swift Current on September 23, 2025. Travel costs to be reimbursed by the Municipality.

CARRIED.

183/25

Administrator Holiday Time

HOFER: That the Administrator's request for holiday time September 15-18, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: MCINTOSH SAND & GRAVEL. 9:20 A.M. Luke Boyle met with Council to discuss the 20,000 yard crush at the Jones Pit this Fall. A ¾" crush was discussed. Luke will meet with Foreman Jones following our meeting. An Agreement will be drawn up when Council decides the specifics of the crush. Mr. Boyle left the Council Chambers at 9:40 a.m.

DELEGATION: LAYNE ABRAHAMSON. 10:00 A.M. Our Weed Inspector met with Council and reviewed the 2025 Year End Report. Good progress is being made with Leafy Spurge throughout the RM. Some Bindweed has been found and sprayed. Toadflax spots have also been sprayed, hoping to eradicate in a couple of years. Spraying for Babies Breath continues with 2025 results encouraging. Mr. Abrahamson left the Council Chambers at 10:07 A.M.

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DELEGATION: HANNAH MACLEAN. 10:20 A.M. Hannah Maclean met with Council to discuss a rural mentorship with our municipality. She is looking to acquire hours to obtain her Rural "C" Certification. The meeting went very well. Ms. Maclean left her Rural Intern Application Form to include with a Host Municipality Application Form, should Council decide to take on the mentorship. Ms. Maclean left the Council Chambers at 10:40 a.m.

184/25


Rural MAIP (Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program)
MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 submit a host application to SARM for the Rural MAIP (Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program) to host an intern.

CARRIED.


185/25

Adjournment
INGELL: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED.



Reeve, Friesen



Administrator, Jones